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1. SUMMARY. CHILE, VENEZUELA, CYPRUS AND JAPAN GAVE
GENERAL STATEMENTS OUTLINING CERTAIN MAIN ELEMENTS IN
THEIR POSITIONS.

2. CHILE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT NEED FOR PROGRESS
IN WORK TO PREPARE ADEQUATELY FOR SANTIAGO. CHILE
FAVORED 200-MILE MARITIME ZONE. TWO HUNDRED-MILE
EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE APPEARED TO BE KEY ELEMENT TO
SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS. RIGHTS OF BOTH COASTAL STATES
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AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAD TO BE RECOGNIZED RE

INTERNATIONAL STRAITS. REP ALSO REFERRED TO ARCHIPELAGOS AND LAND-LOCKED STATES RIGHTS. HE CONCLUDED BY ASSERTING THAT MAIN TRENDS OF DEBATE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN SUBCOMMITTEE II REPORT.

3. SRI LANKA ENDORSED AND WELCOMED STATEMENT GIVEN EARLIER THIS SESSION TO SUBCMTE II BY FAO REP.

4. VENEZUELA SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT CONTINENTAL SHELF AND PATRIMONIAL SEA. REP BELIEVED THERE WAS NO INCOMPATIBILITY BETWEEN CONTINENTAL SHELF DOCTRINE AND PATRIMONIAL SEA CONCEPT. HE SUGGESTED THAT COASTAL STATES MIGHT MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FROM CONTINENTAL MARGIN AREAS BEYOND 200 MILES. REP EXPRESSED CERTAIN RESERVATIONS RE ISLANDS.

5. JAMAICA ENDORSED MATRIMONIAL SEA CONCEPT (WHICH APPEARS TO BE A MORE REGIONALLY ORIENTED APPROACH THAN PATRIMONIAL SEA CONCEPT).

6. CYPRUS STRESSED NEED FOR FULL MARITIME ENTITLEMENT FOR ISLANDS. AS CO-SPONSOR OF EIGHT-POWER STRAITS PROPOSAL, REP ALSO SUPPORTED INNOCENT PASSAGE IN TERRITORIAL SEA.

7. JAPAN ENDORSED BROAD DISTANCE CRITERION FOR CONTINENTAL SHELF LIMITS. REP SUGGESTED RULES BE RE-EXAMINED RE DETERMINING CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARIES. JAPAN ANNOUNCED PLAN TO SUBMIT ARTICLES ON PRINCIPLES TO APPLY IN COASTAL SEABED AREA. REP EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER EFFECTS ON NAVIGATION FROM BROADENING OF TERRITORIAL SEA BREADTH. ARCHIPELAGOS SHOULD NOT HAMPER INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION AND REP NOTED WITH FAVOR DRAFT ARTICLES SUBMITTED BY UK.

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